10. An IIT has been set up at Guwahati. The first convocation of IIT Guwahati took place in May 1999.

11. Kathalguri Power Project (60 MW) has been commissioned.

12. Various other economic development programme have been undertaken in furtherance of PM's initiative of 1996.

Other Issues:

13. The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests ony with the Central Government.

14. Border fencing of 143.06 Kms out of 152.3 Kms sanctioned has been completed on Assam-Bangaladesh border. 126.28 Kms of border roads have been completed.

15. Ex-gratia payment was made to the next of kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.

16. Disciplinary cases against employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.

17. In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum of six years in the case of candidates who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to 15.8.1985.

18. NSA detenues detained in connection with agitation were released.

Illegal Immigrants in Assam

5554. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the finding of his Ministry regarding illegal migrants constituting majority in 36 constituencies of Assam as appeared in "The Sentinel" published from Guwahati on the 2nd March, 2000;

(b) the action contemplated to save Assam from this silent ballot invasion including suggested modification of revision norms; and

(c) the status of the proposal for preparation of Citiens Register and issue of work permit to non-citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Ministry of Home Affairs is not aware of any

such report regarding illegal migrants constituting majority in 36 constituencies of Assam.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) A Feasibility study is being made regarding the Multipurpose National Identity Cards Scheme in the country.

Dowry-deaths of young brides

5555. DR. M.N.DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the prevailing evil of dowry-deaths of young brides both in urban and rural areas in India;

(b) if so, the number of such deaths during the last two years;

(c) whether there are instances of capital punishments meted out to those who were responsible for bride- killing; and

(d) if so, the number of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI): (a) to (d) Available information with the National Crime Records Bureau is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

No. of dowry deaths cases during 1998 and 1999

Sl. No.	State/UT.	Dowry Death1998	Dowry Death1999*
1	Andhra Pradesh	500	510
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
3	Assam	32	22
4	Bihar	1039	873
5	Goa	3	1
6	Gujarat	90	100
7	Haryana	309	254
8	Himachal Pradesh	7	3
9	Jammu & Kashmir	9	1
10	Karnataka	200	259

Source: Criminal figures of India.

* Monthly figures of Crime.